

Sustainable Investment in Research for Health

COHRED is joining forces with the Ministry of Public Health Senegal, the West African Health Organisation (WAHO) and the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) Agency to organise an interactive meeting on Sustainable Investment in Research for Health.

The meeting aims to explore practical strategies for increasing predictable resourcing towards priority research in countries and highlight experiences from African countries investing domestic resources in their own research and innovation systems. Governments believe these investments to be essential for national social and economic development.

The meeting was scheduled to coincide with the EDCTP Forum, however since its cancellation, the R4HA team is busy looking for other potential meetings to link to. For those interested in attending, consult the [webpages](#) where the new details will soon be posted, or contact Teresa (Cullen@cohred.org).



Science Communication

How should researchers communicate the results of their research? What steps should they take to make research more appealing to policy makers or even to the general public? And what can institutions do to create the conditions for communication for and about science?

COHRED has taken steps to look into this area with a view to providing some guidance to everyone from researchers to policy makers through to civil society organisations and others looking at this area for the first time.

By providing some real life examples of how communication has advanced the use of research as well as some guidelines on how to approach this complex issue, the R4HA team hopes to bring further news on this development in 2014.

Monitoring and Evaluation

Implementing a process to monitor and evaluate an organisation's activities can be a daunting task. So a ready to use framework can really help to channel efforts and save valuable resources.

This is the thinking behind the R4HA team's latest project - a monitoring and evaluation framework for use by organisations responsible for governing health research, or research in general, in their country.

Following input from the R4HA team and feedback gathered from monitoring and evaluation workshops held in several countries, the Framework will soon be ready for country partners to provide their input.

To improve the framework further, a group of monitoring and evaluation experts will convene to fine tune its contents. To find out more about the Monitoring and Evaluation Framework, contact Emanuel Souvairan – emanuel@cohred.org.

RHIInO

Following a testing phase, R4HA's partner countries now each have their own RHIInO system in place to simplify the research management or ethics review processes. RHIInO (Research for Health and Innovation Organiser) has been created by COHRED's Web4Development team. Over the next year the Web4Dev team will monitor the use of RHIInO and make note of potential improvements to be incorporated into future upgrades of the system. More details of RHIInO are available at www.RHIInO.net



AFRICA UPDATE

An overview of other COHRED projects within Africa

COHRED is working with WAHO (West African Health Organisation) to develop and implement *West Africa HRWeb* – an adaptation of COHRED's HRWeb tailored to the needs of West Africa.

West Africa HRWeb is an open access platform designed to collate, analyse and report on regional and national research for health efforts and activities in West Africa. Although in its early stages of implementation it is already showing its potential in an environment where information sharing is a major challenge as can be seen below.



15
(all) ECOWAS countries officially signed up



130
West African institutional focal points trained to review and input national and institutional data



209
Regional user members registered



217
Institutions listed



262
Resources and documents uploaded and listed



116
Research projects indexed

<http://westafrica.healthresearchweb.org>

